

MEYERLING SECRET KNOWN TO RAMPOLLA

Truth of Austrian Tragedy Was
Disclosed to Late
Cardinal.

HIS FUNERAL TO-MORROW

Church Dignitaries and Papal
Ambassadors Flock to
His Residence.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 17.—With the death of Cardinal Rampolla yesterday there passed away one of the few possessors of the secret of the Meyerling tragedy, which plunged the Austrian court in mourning over the mysterious death of Archduke Rudolph, the heir to the throne, twenty-four years ago.

It is believed here that the facts surrounding the death of Archduke Rudolph were officially communicated to Pope Leo XIII. and Cardinal Rampolla, at that time Papal Secretary of State, under a pledge of secrecy. It is the general opinion in Vatican circles that the only living sharers of the secret were the Emperor Francis Joseph and the adjutant of the Archduke, who was with the latter on the evening preceding the discovery of his body in the hunting lodge at Meyerling. The secret, it is said, will die with them.

The body of Cardinal Rampolla is lying in state in a chapel adjacent to his late residence. All the cardinals, church dignitaries and ambassadors to the Holy See at present in Rome went to the house today to pay their last respects to the dead prince of the church.

The funeral will be held with the highest honors in St. Peter's on Friday.

Pope Pius is deeply depressed at the death of the Cardinal, as he was not aware that he had been ill. He deplores the fact that on this account he did not send his death blessing to the prince of the church.

Cardinal Rampolla had his last audience with the Pope yesterday morning. At that time he seemed to be in excellent health. The pontiff granted no audiences today.

Cardinal Rampolla's death was sudden. The correspondent of The Sun saw him four days ago and he was then apparently in the best of health. The Cardinal lay quietly in his room for several days, and he expressed surprise at the steady faith of the American press. He alluded to ex-President Taft and Archbishop Ireland as his best American friends.

Pope Pius when informed this morning of the death of the Cardinal said:

Cardinal Rampolla was one of the greatest men in the church. He had become even greater since he retired from the office of Secretary of State of the Vatican.

The membership of the College of Cardinals is reduced to fifty-six by the death of Cardinal Rampolla. It is believed that a consistory will be called next month to select new members.

There was no physician with Cardinal Rampolla when he died. He inspected the work of restoration proceeding at St. Peter's yesterday morning and felt fatigued. When he arrived at his house he was prostrated and a physician was summoned. The latter found no serious symptoms and instructed his patient to rest and keep warm. After the departure of the physician Cardinal Rampolla became rapidly worse and died before the physician could be summoned again.

The last rites of the church were performed by the Cardinal's private secretary and his family was informed.

KELLY HANGED DESPITE MOB.

Oldham and Manchester Crowds
Riot Outside the Prison.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 17.—The mob of Oldham and Manchester rioters who have been making violent demonstrations against the authorities for the refusal of Home Secretary McKenna to grant a reprieve to the young murderer of a woman had many clashes with the police of this city throughout the night. The murderer, Kelly, who was 20 years old, was hanged in the jail here at 8 o'clock this morning.

Thousands of men from Oldham arrived here during the night. They amused street lamps for a distance of two miles on their way here. They joined the Manchester rioters outside the prison, and the crowd, which numbered 10,000 persons, cheered for Kelly and cursed Home Secretary McKenna for hours. A force of 600 policemen made several charges into the mob and cleared the streets around the jail, but the throng reformed each time and continued its demonstration.

The Oldhamites are in an ugly temper, owing to the fact that a young man, named Hilton, who was sentenced to death at the same time as Kelly for the same crime, was granted a reprieve on the ground that he was of weak intellect. The Oldhamites believe unfair discrimination was made by the Home Office. They are particularly incensed against Mrs. Lees, 72 years old, the first woman Alderman in England, who is said to have used her influence to prevent a reprieve being granted in the case of Kelly. She is under police protection.

LORDS MAY BALK HOME RULE.

Unionist M. P. Sees Serious Flaw in
the Parliament Act.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—William Johnson-Pickens, a Unionist member of the House of Commons, believes he has discovered a flaw in the Parliament act which will enable the House of Lords to prevent the same rule bill from being made law. He holds that his discovery will give the upper chamber full power to prevent the passing into law of any legislation distasteful to the Lords.

The gist of the contention of Mr. Johnson-Pickens, who is a lawyer, is that the Lords can defeat any measure by simply adjourning consideration of the bill from month to month. In this way the Parliament act, which ruled that any bill which is passed by the Commons in three successive sessions becomes law, with the royal assent, automatically without the consent of the upper house, would be of no avail, because it provides that the bill must be rejected three times by the Lords.

J. H. HYDE LECTURES IN PARIS.

Tells French Americans Prefer
Detective and Adventure Stories.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—James Hazen Hyde, the former vice-president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who has taken a deep interest in the French language and literature for many years, delivered a lecture on "French Literature in America" here today.

Rene Douma, literary critic of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, presided. Among those present were Mrs. Hyde, formerly the Comtesse de Gontaut-Brion, nee Leishman; Prof. Emile Boutroux, Walter Gray, the American artist; Gaston Jolivet, vice-president of the Association of Paris Journalists, and Prof. James M. Baldwin. There was a large audience and close attention was paid to the lecture.

Mr. Hyde said that Americans prefer stories of adventure and detective tales to historical romances or realistic novels. Psychological subjects excited the least interest of all, he said. He dealt with the growing tendency of American dramatists to limit their plays to American subjects, following American novelists in this respect.

The lecturer said he saw no reason why Americans should not attain eminence in art and poetry, as did the commercial republics of Athens and the Italian republics of the Renaissance or Holland in the seventeenth century.

HUNGER STRIKE AGAIN

Frees Mrs. Pankhurst

Militant Leader Going to Swit-
zerland to Recuperate—To
Return in February.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant leader, who was rearrested last Saturday upon her return from Paris, was again released from Holloway jail today, due to her hunger and thirst strike.

Mrs. Pankhurst was taken in an ambulance to Lincoln's Inn House where her followers had arranged an apartment for her. Later in the day it was announced that she would go to Switzerland in a few days to recuperate from her latest prison experience. She will return to London early in February, before Parliament convenes.

Mrs. Pankhurst was sentenced on April 3 last to serve six years in prison for instigating the bomb attack on the country residence of David Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Since that time she has been released six times and has served only twenty-five days.

Capt. C. O. Gonne of the Royal Artillery, who was sent to jail at Lewes following his refusal to pay taxes because the government would not grant the parliamentary franchise to women, was released today after he had been on a hunger strike for two days.

The officer, having been jailed as the indirect result of his woman suffrage sympathies, decided to try the militant method of getting out.

TO SELL ANOTHER BIG ESTATE.

Mr. Mallaby-Deeley Paid \$15,000—
\$100 for Covent Garden. It Is Said.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—According to the *Daily Telegraph* this morning another large estate in England, valued at more than \$50,000, will be offered for sale shortly. The location of the estate is not given, but it is announced that it is not in London.

The *Daily Mail* says it has absolutely certain information that Mr. Mallaby-Deeley paid only \$15,000 for the Covent Garden estate of the Duke of Bedford, which he acquired on Tuesday. When the news was made public the sale had been effected the purchase price was estimated variously at \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The price as given by the *Daily Mail* agrees with the computations made by experienced real estate brokers.

Mr. Mallaby-Deeley is quoted as saying that he is willing to sell the property to the London County Council and that he would rather sell it to the city than to a private owner.

Mr. Mallaby-Deeley added that he has not received an offer for the property yet, but that as long as it remains in his possession he intends to conduct it in a public spirited manner. It is pointed out that although there never was any complaint about the manner in which the Duke of Bedford treated the users of the Covent Garden Market a large body of the public holds that it ought not to be left in private hands.

SAINTS TO HONOR FRANKLIN.

Female Figures to Be Placed in
London Church in His Memory.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It is proposed to commemorate the residence of Benjamin Franklin in Bartholomew Close, where he worked in a printing shop, by placing a tablet in the Lady Chapel of the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield. Figures of female saints are to be placed in five niches of the east wall of the chapel and the tablet will bear an inscription saying that the figures were placed there in commemoration of Franklin.

With the exception of the chapel in the Tower of London this beautiful Norman church is the oldest in London. It was founded in 1123.

FARQUHAR SCHEME OPPOSED.

Argentine Railway Commission
Calls It Unlawful Combination.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.—The administration of the State railroads of Argentina informed the Minister of Public Works today that the plan formulated by Percival Farquhar, an American financier, to have the railroads unified and taken over by an American and English syndicate is a violation of the Nitte law against unlawful combinations of railroads.

The Minister will lay the matter before the Cabinet for further consideration.

SEE HENRY JAMES'S PORTRAIT.

Sargent's Work Declared to Be a
True and Vivid Likeness.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The subscribers to the fund for John Sargent's portrait of Henry James viewed the painting today at Mr. Sargent's studio at the invitation of the artist.

They were unanimous in expressing the opinion that the portrait is a true and vivid likeness. It is understood that it will be exhibited at the Royal Academy next year.

MISS MACVANE NOT A SPY, SAY POLICE

American Prima Donna in Trav-
elling Opera Company No
Longer "Molested."

ENVOY IN ROME ACTS

Trouble Thought to Have Orig-
inated in Imagination
of the Girl.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page called at the Foreign Office this morning and asked for an investigation into the charge that Dorothy MacVane, an American opera singer, had been subjected to surveillance by the Italian secret service at Taranto on the ground that she was suspected of being a spy.

Marchese di San Giuliano, the Foreign Minister, promised that a thorough inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the case would be begun at once. The Foreign Minister added that his department was not cognizant of the matter, as Taranto is a fortified naval base and the Navy Department looks into all cases of espionage. It was asserted that Miss MacVane aroused the suspicions of the secret service men through having unintentionally taken photographs of masked fortifications at Taranto.

On the suggestion that the Ambassador should see Admiral Millo, the Minister of Marine, Mr. Page went to Admiral Millo's office. The Admiral said the case had not been reported to him, but promised to ask for details by telegraph. He added that he would order the police at Taranto not to molest Miss MacVane any longer.

The Minister of Marine expressed his regret at the occurrence, but explained that all foreigners are watched at the Italian naval bases and they are expelled if there is even a suspicion that they are spies. As Miss MacVane has not been expelled from Taranto, the Minister went on, it may be assumed that she was not suspected of espionage.

Telegram From Dorothy MacVane.

When Miss MacVane's sister Edith complained to Ambassador Page on the receipt of a letter from Taranto yesterday the Ambassador wrote to the opera singer asking her for details of the case. Miss Edith MacVane received a telegram today from her sister saying that the latter had received the letter from the Ambassador and had sent a reply. This reply had not been received in Rome this evening.

Ambassador Page, before acting in the matter, asked for the authorization of the MacVane family. The father of the girls, Silas MacVane, professor emeritus of Harvard, is ill and the trouble into which his daughter has fallen has been withheld from him.

Dorothy MacVane said in her telegram to her sister today that the police no longer molested her and that she had received registered letters sent from America but a letter containing a check had not arrived.

\$20 a Month Prima Donna.

Naval officers here, although they have not heard the details of the case, said there is nothing unusual in the surveillance of foreigners at Taranto and that the circumstances of Miss MacVane's presence there would naturally arouse the suspicions of the secret police. She was \$20 a month, has not yet appeared in opera at Taranto, but was well dressed, wore many jewels and was accompanied by a French maid. On this account, the naval officers point out, the secret police would very likely consider her engagement as an opera singer a mere pretext to cover other activities.

Miss MacVane is believed to have resented inquiries about her made to the impresario of the company by which she was employed and imagined that her mail was tampered with and that she was strangled of her liberty. The officers decline to believe that this was done.

CUBAN AMNESTY LOSES AGAIN.

President Menocal Vetoes Bill Re-
leasing Convicts.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—President Menocal vetoed today the amnesty bill passed by Congress. His action was based on grounds similar to those which caused his predecessor, Gen. Gomez, to veto a bill to the same effect passed during the previous Administration. Gen. Gomez was requested to do so by the United States Minister, as it meant practical emptying of all the prisons in Cuba.

The amnesty bill provided for a full pardon for all those implicated in the negro uprising last year. It contained, however, no provision for a pardon to all the officials of the Gomez Administration who have been convicted of malfeasance in office and a son of Gen. Gomez, who has been indicted for attempting to kill a newspaper man.

ROYALTY CHRISTENS LINER.

Crown Princess Cecile Officiates at
Launching of the Columbus.

DANZIG, Dec. 17.—The Columbus, newest and largest of North German Lloyd ships, was launched today at the yard of the Schichau yards. She was christened by the Crown Princess Cecile in the presence of a notable gathering, including the Crown Prince, Mayor Barkhausen, Bremen, President Achilles and Director Heinicke of the North German Lloyd. Ambassador James W. Gerard was unable to attend. Thousands of Danzig folks crowded the yards and cheered as the Columbus took the water.

The Columbus is the first of sixteen new ships to be built by the North German Lloyd Line. Her gross registered tonnage is to be 35,000, which exceeds that of the George Washington by almost 10,000. Her length is 775 feet and her beam 83 feet. Her depth is 54 feet and her nine decks will give her the appearance of a floating apartment house. She will carry 500 first cabin passengers, 500 second cabin, 700 third cabin and between 1,100 and 1,200 fourth class passengers. She will be completed in July and a month later will be entered in the London-Paris-Bremen service.

Paul Ludwig is to have charge of the fittings and he has received instructions to spare no detail in making the Columbus a beautiful boat. Her engines will be of 30,000 horsepower and will make from twenty to twenty-one knots an hour. She will be fully equipped with safety devices.

Capt. Paul Wettin, formerly the commander of the George Washington, will probably command the new steamship. He is now supervising the construction.

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Vivyan Holland, Who Changed
Name to Harry Soldier's Daughter.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Vivyan Holland, the younger son of Oscar Wilde, is to be married in London next month to Violet Craigie, daughter of an officer of the Royal Dragoons, now dead.

Vivyan Holland was born in 1886. His older brother, Cyril, was born in 1885. Cyril went into the army and later became a priest.

Vivyan changed his last name after his father's conviction. At the same time Mrs. Wilde sued for divorce.

DOWDEN COLLECTION OF

SHAKESPEARE FOR U. S.

American Thought to Be Henry

E. Huntington, Reported

as Purchaser.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The *Times* says this morning that practically the whole of the late Prof. Dowden's collection of Shakespeare's works has been acquired by a New York collector who has been making a Shakespearean collection for some time. The name of the collector is not revealed.

The Dowden collection is being disposed of at auction at Hodgson's. The first section was sold last month. It included a series of editions of Shakespeare's works from Bowdler's second edition in 1744 down to the latest which has been issued. A number of commentaries were in this section, which contained altogether about 1,000 volumes. It realized \$1,250.

Another section, comprising 125 volumes, was sold yesterday for \$705. Most of these volumes contain bibliographical notes by Prof. Dowden.

It was rumored here last night that Henry E. Huntington was the buyer of Shakespeare's works in the Dowden collection. Mr. Huntington has been a collector of books, especially of early English works and Shakespeareana, for a number of years.

In April, 1911, he bought the private library of the late E. Dwight Clough for \$12,000. This library contained a large lot of early English literature and Shakespeareana, valued alone at more than \$20,000. In 1912 he bought the library of Beverly Chew for \$50,000.

Mr. Huntington also paid \$50,000 for the first edition of the Gutenberg Bible, the highest sum ever given at public auction for a book.

DISCUSS PILTDOWN SKULL.

Scientists Find It Was Man's Nose
and Not a Tooth.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Scientists are still wrangling about the Piltdown skull, which has been supposed to be that of the prehistoric ancestor of modern man, estimated at from 50,000 to 200,000 years old. The matter was discussed again at a meeting today of the Royal Geological Society, before the members of which the skull was exhibited with the addition of nasal bones and one of the canine teeth, which were recently found.

The bridge of the nose is now seen to have been narrower than had been thought and was raised like that of man, but the tooth is more of the variety belonging to the anthropoid than to man.

Sir Edwin Ray Lankester, the noted authority on physiology and comparative anatomy, contended that the skull cannot be regarded as that of man's ancestor, but that it is close enough to the type to be looked on as having belonged to "a species or kind of man."

DEWAR PAGE'S NEIGHBOR.

Sir John Buys Grosvenor Square
From Duke of Manchester.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Duke of Manchester has sold his London mansion at Grosvenor Square to Sir John Alexander Dewar, M. P. Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, recently leased 6 Grosvenor Square, next door to the Manchester mansion.

FLASHES FROM THE CABLE.

LONDON.—Francis B. Sayre, and his bride, who was Miss Jessie Wilson, with Ambassador Page, were guests at luncheon today with Premier Asquith in Downing street.

SANTO DOMINGO.—A number of persons are to be arrested on charges growing out of the general elections, which were held on Monday and Tuesday. It is reported that these persons were concerned in a conspiracy against the public peace.

MADRID.—Col. Labrador of the marine corps, who is a Protestant and refused to attend mass in a Catholic Church, contrary to the orders of his superiors, will be court-martialed at San Fernando on Friday. The prosecution will demand his imprisonment for six years and a reduction in his pay.

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